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**From:** Stalcup, Dana  
**Sent:** Fri 10/2/2015 2:53:16 PM  
**Subject:** RE: OSRTI Organizational Assessment Blurbs

OSRTI led the initiation of the internal and external reviews of what led to the August 5 release at the Gold King Mine, and continues to oversee the cessation and re-start of work at mining sites that might present similar risks.

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**From:** Flaks, Art  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 10:45 AM  
**To:** Stalcup, Dana  
**Subject:** Re: OSRTI Organizational Assessment Blurbs

I recommend GKM because of its visibility. Can we shorten the sentence? Not much room for this on the OSWER org assessor one pager. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 2, 2015, at 10:41 AM, Stalcup, Dana <[Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov](mailto:Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov)> wrote:

Probably slightly prefer Gold King Mine because we can show accomplishments, although if we use Portland Harbor we could probably enhance the write-up a bit by stating that the FS was released – do you have a preference?

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**From:** Flaks, Art  
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**To:** Stalcup, Dana  
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Hey Dana, Mathy wants to use one of our site write ups in the org. assessment. Do you prefer Portland harbor or GKM? Thanks.

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Gartner, Lois" <[Gartner.Lois@epa.gov](mailto:Gartner.Lois@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** October 1, 2015 at 1:06:13 PM EDT  
**To:** "Lowery, Brigid" <[Lowery.Brigid@epa.gov](mailto:Lowery.Brigid@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** OSWER OSRTI IO <[OSWER\\_OSRTI\\_IO@epa.gov](mailto:OSWER_OSRTI_IO@epa.gov)>, "Flaks, Art" <[Flaks.Art@epa.gov](mailto:Flaks.Art@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** OSRTI Organizational Assessment Blurbs

Hi, Brigid: I believe you were looking for this information today. Please let me know if you have any questions/concerns.

Thanks!

**Libby-ORD/OSWER/Region 8 collaboration on Libby toxicity values:**

The Office of Research and Development, Region 8 and OSWER/OSRTI collaborated to develop toxicity values (an Inhalation Unit Risk value and a non-cancer Reference Concentration value) for Libby amphibole asbestos using the Agency's standard Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) process. Region 8 employed the scientifically peer-reviewed values, based on the best current science, to develop the Libby site-specific risk assessment, which the Region released on December 8, 2014.

### ***National Geographic* magazine Superfund article**

The *National Geographic* magazine featured the Superfund program in its December 2014 edition. The article noted that Superfund sites "are no longer the focus of national attention...due [in part] to a rarely cited phenomenon: governmental competence."

### **Pollinators**

In supporting the President's Pollinator Health Task Force, Superfund is promoting the creation of pollinator habitat as an option in site reuse.

### **Portland Harbor**

OSRTI has been extensively coordinating with Region 10 and stakeholders, including the State of Oregon and tribes, on the development of a proposed plan to identify remedial alternatives for the complex, contaminated-sediment Portland Harbor site.

### **Gold King Mine**

OSRTI has led the effort to conduct an internal review of the August 5, 2015 release, facilitate the realization of and independent study the Department of Interior is conducting, developing guidance and coordinating with affected regions on ceasing field investigation and assessment work at 10 sites with similar characteristics to Gold King Mine and, in conjunction with the regions, developing a comprehensive list of hard rock mining and mineral processing sites to confirm and categorize mine site conditions across the country.

### **Environmental Justice**

The Technical Assistance Service for Communities (TASC) contract is an Agency-wide resource. In FY15, the Office of Environmental Justice funded over \$350K to support Agency-wide environmental justice work across the country.

### **Making a Visible Difference in Communities**

Seventeen of the 50 “Making a Visible Difference In Communities” have some Superfund connection. At four of the sites (St. Regis Mohawk Tribe; Vieque, PR; North Birmingham; and Portland), Superfund provided a total of \$76K in technical assistance through the Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC) contract

### **Excellence in Site Reuse Awards**

In 2015, eight awards were given out by the Regions and four more awards are scheduled to be awarded by the end of calendar year 2015.

### **FY 2015 Regional Reuse Awards**

Region 1 – Sullivan’s Ledge

Region 1 – Iron Horse Park (Shaffer Landfill)

Region 2 – Brick Township

Region 3 – Havertown PCP\*

Region 4 – Davis Timber

Region 4 – TVA Kingston

Region 4 – Jacksonville\*

Region 6 – RSR Corporation\*

Region 6 – Bayou Verdine\*

Region 8 – California Gulch

Region 8 – Midvale Slag

## Region 10 – Coeur d’Alene Basin

\* Planned, but may occur in early FY 2016

### **Excellence in State Engagement Supporting Reuse Award**

In 2015, SRI continued efforts to support the Excellence in State Engagement Supporting Reuse Award by issuing three awards to Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). These States have demonstrated a willingness to work with EPA to support appropriate reuse while remaining protective. This award recognizes state partners whose work has led to lasting benefits that enhance community quality of life and ensure the long-term protectiveness of site remedies and stewardship of the environment.

### **Citizen Excellence in Community Involvement Award**

The Passaic River CAG was recognized for their excellence in engaging communities surrounding the Passaic River on the EPA's proposal to clean up contaminated sediment in the Lower Passaic River as part of the cleanup of the Diamond Alkali Superfund site in Newark, New Jersey. The Passaic River CAG showed their commitment to the community by setting up monthly meetings to help prepare community members to understand the solutions EPA was considering for the river. The Passaic River CAG assisted EPA with planning three trilingual public meetings while encouraging more than 350 local Newark residents to provide feedback on the cleanup proposal. Members of the Passaic River CAG either actively participated in or sponsored public forums, which provided information to the public that allowed them to comment on the proposed plan.

The CAG also effectively used a Superfund Technical Assistant Grant, the Technical Assistance Services for Communities program, and the EPA neutral facilitation program to access technical expertise that allowed them to examine critical aspects of the cleanup, and to effectively disseminate information to the community. Experts from these programs provided technical assistance that helped inform the CAG about dredging and sediment disposal technologies, which in turn allowed the group to submit timely, informed and effective comments.

EPA is confident the Passaic River CAG will continue to ensure the future cleanup of the Passaic River will connect people to the water and support the wide range of benefits that a healthy waterway can provide.

### **Use of Special Account Resources**

OSRTI estimates that the regions will spend around \$280 million in Special Accounts resources in support of remedial action and pipeline activities this fiscal year.